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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09138.0006-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
H. STENDER et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/544,934) Examiner: J. Fredman
Filed: April 7, 2000)
For: NOVEL PROBES FOR THE)
DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA)

Commissioner for Patents
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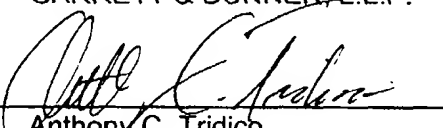
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of June 6, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any
additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 5, 2003

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